FS Projects for SFY 03

Program Specific

1. Change Reporting Options related to Farm Bill
   - Definition of income
   - Definition of assets
   - Reporting requirements
   - Certification periods

2. Auto Update of Unearned Income
   - SSI Auto Update moves to production in January 2003
   - Unemployment Compensation
   - Child Support

3. Farm Bill Provisions mandatory as of October 2002
   - Graduated standard deduction
   - Increase in asset limit for disabled households

4. Mandatory Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)
   - Eliminates actual expense option
   - Eliminates proration requirement (available with FB)

Cost Allocated

1. Address Automation
   - Getting addresses right in CARES.
   - ability to validate address upon entry

2. Data Exchange Re-engineering
   - Eliminate overwhelming backlog of DX alerts and dispositions, and then ensures that the backlog doesn't happen again!
   - Workload issue for IM agencies
   - Consideration must be made for FS QC implications

3. Alerts
   - One of the biggest concerns expressed from the IM workload symposium
   - FS BA has volunteered to sponsor these issues.
   - Workload issue for IM Agencies
   - Currently the project is focusing on:
     - Rewording current alerts text- to reveal more on what it really is, and/or instruct on how to process
     - Eliminating alerts – what alerts are not useful to FS processing-or make more difficult
     - Identifying alerts that best address the most FS error-prone elements

4. Find Function for the ES-based information in CARES
   - This has been requested for years by local agency workers
   - This would be a new query directly to database. No batch process like WPFN to set up additional tables.